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SUBJECT: CHASE MANHATTAN CHAIRMAN'S TRAVEL

REF: AMMAN 377, TEL AVIV 696, STATE 18272

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN'S SUGGESTION REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING FOR DIRECT FLIGHT FROM JORDAN TO ISRAEL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELT, WHO COORDINATING VISIT, WHO IN TURN DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ROCKEFELLER SPECIAL ASSISTANT JOSEPH REED.

2. CHASE MANHATTAN REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED STRONG APPRECIATION OF CROWN PRINCE'S WILLINGNESS TO LOOK INTO MATTER BUT INDICATED THAT PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR AIRCRAFT TO PROCEED FROM AMMAN TO ATHENS, WITH ROCKEFELLER AND REED

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MAKING GROUND CROSSING AT "ALLENBY" (HUSSEIN) BRIDGE.

3. ROOSEVELT SAID CHASE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR GOJ TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION TO BRIDGE FOR ROCKEFELLER AND REED ONLY. (FYI: OTHERS IN CHASE PARTY TO REMAIN WITH AIRCRAFT, PICKING UP ROCKEFELLER AND REED IN JERUSALEM AFTER STOP IN ATHENS.)

4. FOR TEL AVIV: WE HAVE RAISED AIRPORT QUESTION WITH CHASE, SUGGESTING THAT ROCKEFELLER MIGHT FIND BENGURION MORE APPROPRIATE CHOICE THAN ATARAT IF SCHEDULE PERMITS. KISSINGER

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